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SUBJ: GOG CABINET CHANGES

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1. GOG ANNOUNCED SMALL BUT POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT
CABINET RESHUFFLE FEBRUARY 25.

2.A. GEORGES RAWIRI HAS BEEN MOVED FROM HIS PREVIOUS
SLOT AS MINISTER OF STATE DELEGATED TO THE PRESIDENCY
IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION TO HEAD
THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE TITLE
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF OF STATE. IT
WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN THE OCT 3, 1973 CABINET
RESHUFFLE (REFS), PRESIDENT BONGO TOOK OVER THE FOREIGN
AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO HIMSELF.

B. REPLACING RAWIRI AS MINISTER OF STATE DELEGATED TO
THE PRESIDENCY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION IS
PAUL OKUMBA D'OKAWATSEGUE WHO HAD BEEN SECRETARY OF
STATE (I.E. NO 2) UNDER RAWIRI PREVIOUSLY. OKUMBA
D'OKAWATSEGUE HEADED THE GABONESE DELEGATION TO THE
LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT.

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C. DR. BENJAMIN NGOUBOU FORMERLY MINISTER OF CIVIL SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM HAS REPLACED PAUL MALEKOU AS MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORT, AND CIVIL AVIATION. MALEKOU HAS NOT RECEIVED PORTFOLIO IN THE NEW CABINET.

D. THEODORE KWAOU FORMERLY GABONESE AMBASSADOR TO KINSHASA HAS REPLACED DR. NGOUBOU.

E. EDOUARD-ALEXIS MBOUY-BOUTZIT REMAINS AS HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY HYDRAULIC SOURCES BUT HAS BEEN GIVEN THE TITLE OF MINISTER OF STATE AND MOVES FROM TWELFTH TO SEVENTH IN THE CABINET HIERARCHY.

F. HENRI MINKO FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF STATE LANDS AND RECORDS HAS BEEN NAMED SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE IN CHARGE OF STATE LANDS AND RECORDS.

2. ADDITIONAL DATA AND COMMENT VIA SEPTEL.

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